



# BEVERLY B. KAUFMAN COUNTY CLERK

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## VOTER SPECIFIC SAMPLE BALLOT AVAILABLE ON INTERNET: VOTERS ENCOURAGED TO PRINT THEIR OWN COPY

**Houston, TX**, Harris County voters can now find a listing of the contests which will appear on their ballot in the upcoming Republican and Democratic Primary Elections by visiting the County Clerk's Elections webpage, [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com). Voter-specific sample ballots can be viewed by clicking the link titled 'FIND YOUR ELECTION DAY POLL AND VIEW VOTER SPECIFIC BALLOT.'

"The internet is a great tool because it allows the election's office the ability to provide voters important election information, including a sample ballot, in an efficient and cost effective manner", said Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman, the chief elections officer of the County. "I encourage voters to visit the elections webpage to view their ballots. And, while there, I strongly encourage voters to print their own sample ballot."

The county elections office also affords public viewing of sample ballots via County and City of Houston libraries. The sample ballots which are sent to libraries [for posting] include the total number of contests which are in play in each party's primary election. In this election, there are 149 total contests on the Democratic ballot and 176 in the Republican ballot.

According to the election code, each county voter is only eligible to vote in contests which are connected to the address where the voter is registered to vote. For this reason, Democratic voters choosing to view a voter-specific sample ballot via the internet will see that only about 80 contests appear on their specific ballot. And Republican voters choosing to view a voter-specific sample ballot via the internet will see that only about 90 contests appear on their specific ballot.

The County Clerk's office reminds voters that in a primary election cycle voters may choose to vote in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary, but not in both. Moreover, voters are reminded that propositions which may appear on the ballot during a primary election are not binding. The propositions are used by the political parties to survey voters to see how they feel about any given issue.

Voters are also reminded that early voting by personal appearance is currently on-going and will continue this weekend at the county's 37 early voting sites. The last day to vote early by personal appearance in the primary elections is Feb. 26th.

For more election information, voters may call 713.755.6965, the County Clerk's automated election hotline, or visit [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com).

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